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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 14 December 1956

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell (part of mtg),
Messrs. Wisner, Amory, Lloyd, Kirkpatrick, Helms,
Bissell, Sheldon, [REDACTED]

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Mr. Dulles:

a) Raised the question of giving publicity to the fact that Russian MIG aircraft are being shipped on Soviet vessels [REDACTED] bound for Syria. After some discussion it was agreed that this should be done provided the publicity uses the theme that this shipment is a device to get these aircraft to Egypt contrary to Soviet agreement to the UN resolution not to furnish arms to combatants in the current Egyptian crisis. [REDACTED]

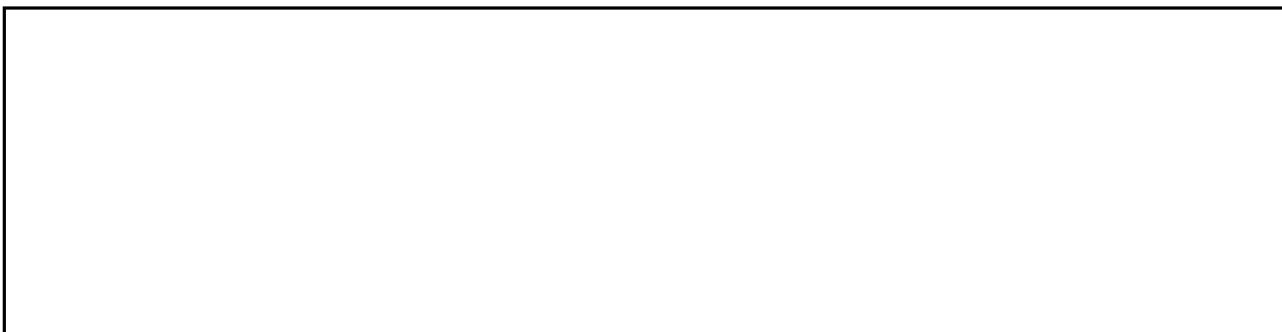
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The Director approved but directed that any such action be first cleared with the Department of State. *Action DD/P*

b) Reported that at Wednesday's OCB meeting a review of our armament situation was made and it was agreed that while we are well equipped for guerrilla fighting in the woods, there is a serious lack of arms for street and close-in fighting and in particular, anti-tank devices. Mr. Helms noted that a study is being prepared by DD/P and DD/S on this problem. The Director said he felt we should also seek Army's view as to the best weapons to put into the hands of the Hungarians, notwithstanding whether a decision is made to do so, noting that such weapons if stockpiled, could be made available to freedom fighters of other iron curtain countries who might revolt against the Communists. He went on to say that consideration should be given to where these weapons might be obtained, (he understood the [REDACTED] to have good ones) where they might be stored, and the method of delivery, should it be decided to do so. *Action DD/P*

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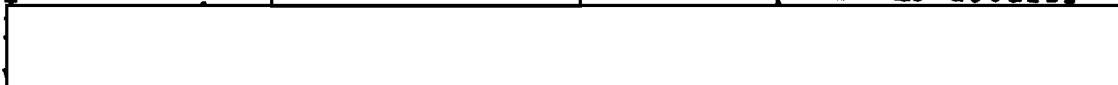


e) Stated he believed CIA should brief the Vice President prior to his trip to Vienna and undertook to call him about this. DD/P offered to head a team should the Vice President want a briefing.



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g) Stated he was not at all satisfied with the progress being made on obtaining entrance to the U.S. of some of the members of the Hungarian Olympic Team who had defected in Australia and asked DD/P to handle this with Gen. J. Lawton Collins and/or the Department of State. Subsequent to the meeting DD/P asked Mr. [] to request the Director to discuss this matter with Loy Henderson and suggest that he (DD/P) and [] take it up in more detail.



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Mr. Wisner:

Strongly recommended that we set up machinery to backstop Cabot Lodge during the current discussions at the UN, noting this would of course be handled through State. The Director approved.

Mr. []

Noted he had received at home a letter from Senator Humphrey requesting that he testify before the Senate Subcommittee on Disarmament. Mr. [] commented he did not know whether the Senator knew of his connection with CIA. The Director asked Mr. [] to discuss this with []

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Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Referred to the Director's request that he obtain a transcript of his testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Sub-Committee and noted to do this would require a meeting of the Committee. However, staff employees had indicated there would be no objection to our sending someone to read it. The Director said this would suit his purpose since all he wanted was a check of what he had actually said against what has appeared in the press.



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